

# Roads Over Which Times-News Marathon Will Be Run Are Officially Inspected

## MARATHON COURSE REPORTED IN GOOD RACING CONDITION

Roads in Splendid Shape for Times-News Long Distance Run.

## ROUTE FOUND TO BE SMOOTH AND DRY

Baltimore Officials Go Over Path From Laurel to Monumental City.

Inspection of the Marathon course from Laurel to the Munsey building in Baltimore, which will be taken by the runners in The Times-News Intercity Marathon on May 11, has been made, and the followers of the course report the roads in splendid condition and the course exceptionally good for bringing out the best results designed in a Marathon route.

Starting at the Laurel Hotel, the roads are in splendid condition, being smooth and dry as could possibly be, and there are just enough rolling hills the first few miles to make it wise for the athlete to observe the pace he is setting. The hills that are to follow will mean the loss of much energy, unless the strength is husbanded during the early part of the race.

These ideal road conditions continue for nearly twelve miles, and only when Elkridge is reached will the athletes have to exercise keen judgment. At this point to well onto the city line the roads are not wholly bad, though if the athletes were bunched it would not be so comfortable running. There is a smooth footpath that may be used.

About one and one-half miles from Elkridge, toward the city, the roads are extremely bad, though the wet weather of the last few days had the roads at their worst yesterday. Half a mile farther on the roads are again in fair shape, but the hills are steep and good judgment will be necessary to surmount such obstacles.

Four and a half miles from Elkridge the roads begin to improve, and when five and a half miles have been reached the city line and macadamized roads in good condition. Upon reaching Columbia avenue it would appear to be well to use the pavement, for the streets are cobblestoned and unfit for running at this stage of the race. Opposite Carroll Park the pavement will again stand in good stead, and until Lexington street is reached the runners will have pavement running. On Lexington and over the other streets to the finish at the city line paved and ideal for the finishing run.

## Three A's to Award Pathfinding Privilege

Applications for the privilege of furnishing the pathfinding car for this year's Golden Road are being received by Howard Longstrech, chairman of the touring information board of the three A's meeting which will be held in New York to which all applicants for the pathfinding privilege will be invited. The automobile manufacturer who offers the largest sum for the privilege will be awarded the plum. Last year the American Automobile Association hired the pathfinding car to pay out the route between Washington and Quebec, but this plan proved unpopular, and the association will go back to the original plan of selling the pathfinding privilege to the highest bidder.

## Senatorial Snapshots

Twice a glorious victory

Foster was the best man on the field.

McBride hurt his leg again in his slide home.

Johnson's speed was terrific, but didn't bother Ainsmith.

Ainsmith got four runners at second. Chase alone stealing on him.

Moeller's catch in deep left has seldom been better on any field.

Knight played a faultless game and handled himself cleverly on taking throws at second.

The shake-up in the batting order was unexpected, but there will be others throughout the season. Clark Griffith being noted for shifting his team whenever it happens to hit a slump.

Comparison between Street and Ainsmith is bad for the veteran. Not only was "Gabe" weak with his wind, but his throwing was off color.

"Zing-Zing" Zinn, a recruit, held down the port pitcher in good style and got in a solid safety to center in the seventh.

Jack Knight was warmly applauded on his first appearance at bat, and a din arose when his neat sacrifice sent Flynn to third. Knight was unpopular in New York last season, largely because of certain sport writers. However, that he has friends here was proved by the applause given him yesterday.

## WAITED IN LINE FOR HOURS TO GET BASEBALL TICKETS

Frank Lusby and Erskine Purchase First Admissions to Game.

E. Franklin Lusby, and William Erskine, both Washingtonians, who have followed baseball ever since either was old enough to hold a bat in his hand, were the first fans to buy tickets when the sale commenced at National Park yesterday morning. Lusby and Erskine went to the ball park before dawn yesterday and waited in line until 9 o'clock to be sure that they would get a good choice of tickets. Each purchased a seat in box thirty-one of the lower tier, and they will be in their seats with smiling faces when the first ball is pitched.

Mr. Lusby is one of the most prominent amateur baseball enthusiasts of Washington. For years he has been instrumental in organizing leagues throughout the city, and his athletic activity in the District militia is well known to all of the officers and enlisted men. Lusby is connected with Alex B. Gundersen in the conducting of a haberdashery in Pennsylvania avenue.

William Erskine is employed in the chief clerk's office of the Postoffice Department, and has followed closely the battles in which the Nationals have been concerned ever since, when a boy, he peeped through the knot holes of the fence enclosing the park.

Patrons of the Columbia Theater but who are familiar with Mr. Erskine's genial politeness, for in the evenings he is chief usher at that playhouse.

## Assurance Given as to Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 16.—All speculation concerning the future of the classic Kentucky Derby was silenced by the announcement of Manager M. J. Winn, of the Louisville Racing Association, yesterday, that this year the event, as in previous years, is a \$50,000 guaranteed stake, \$5,000 of which goes to the winner. He also said that \$5,000 will be added to the Derby in 1913.

With the entrance money added to the stake the Derby hereafter will be worth no less than \$100,000. Horsemen had expressed concern over the event, on account of the State Racing Commission's ruling, doing away with guaranteed stakes.

In future fall meetings the four-mile endurance stake will be a feature. The association will give \$5,000 additional money to this stake.

## Tom Duchesne Meets Sam Anderson Tomorrow

Probably the biggest wrestling event of the season will be seen at the Gayety on Wednesday night when Sam Anderson, the English middleweight winner of many bouts, and a popular favorite in Washington, will meet the popular Fall River grappler, Tom Duchesne, welterweight, for a finish match, best two out of three falls.

The match is creating much interest among mat fans, and ought to be among the most interesting of the season. Both of these mat artists are in the best of condition at present, and after the fray, and a championship battle is expected.

## Fred Merkel Would Rather Study Law

NEW YORK, April 16.—"I shall go back home and study law before I will play for the same money I got last year," declared holdout Merkle today.

When the Giants left for Boston Fred Merkle had refused to sign a contract, declaring that he wanted an increase of \$1,000 over the salary he had last year. John McGraw, the New York manager, rejected this, and the Giants' first baseman did not accompany the team.

Merkle was at the game between the Highlanders and Washington at American League Park yesterday, and insisted that he would hold out for the increase which he demands.

## Cleveland Wins by 8 to 5 From St. Louis

CLEVELAND, April 16.—Cleveland fans are hoping for another game today and are more than satisfied with the showing of the Naps in yesterday's game, when St. Louis was beaten by 8 to 5. Hohnhurst and Stovall, the rival first basemen, furnished the feature with their hitting.

R. H. E.  
Cleveland... 0 0 6 0 1 0 0 1 2 5 13 2  
St. Louis... 1 1 2 1 0 0 0 6 2 5 9 3

Cleveland—Steen, Mitchell, and Eastery and O'Neill; Peltz, Lake, and Stephens and Krill.

## Cobb May Not Get Into Today's Game

CHICAGO, April 16.—Ty Cobb is still peevish today and may not get in the game. His differences and pique resulted in his leaving for Detroit because he did not like his room. Chicago defeated the Tigers in a heavy hitting game by 12 to 7. Ping Bodie featured with his homer.

Detroit... 0 1 0 0 3 0 1 0 7 16 6  
Chicago... 1 0 3 0 1 0 6 2 12 16 3

Batteries—Mullin, Remneas, Dubuc and Stange; White, Scott and Block.

## Midshipman Royce Is Handball Champ

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 16.—The champion of the Naval Academy at handball, as indicated by the tournament just completed, is Midshipman Donald Royce, of Michigan, who is also the champion of the third class.

Other class champions are: First class, Daniel E. Barbery, Oregon; second class, Stuart E. Bray, Missouri; fourth class, G. H. Wood, New York.

Barbery, with William Masek, of Illinois, a member of the second class, won the academy championship in doubles.

## Purchased the First Tickets for Thursday's Game



William Erskine and Frank Lusby and the Coupons Which Will Admit Them to the Ball Park.

## BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

### The Sum and the Substance.

"I do not care what happens now," The Old Fanatic cried; What club may win or when or how, But I am satisfied; The rest of it brings me fatigue And dull now awings the race. For I've seen Boston\* lead the league And the Browns above eighth place."

### The Sharpshooting Crop.

In 1911 the pitching crop, spring gathered, assayed two sprouts worth polite mention through the rest of the year—Vean Gregg, of the Naps, and Alexander, of the Phillies. No two may develop in 1912 upon a par with this spectacular pair, but the crop as a whole assays a far thicker strata. In fact, we know of no one season from the past where as many star sharpshooters have slipped in among us from the highways and the byways of the Bush.

A partial list shows Buck O'Brien, of the Red Sox; Jeff Teserau, of the Giants; Bill Steen, of the Naps; Peters, of the Sox, and Brown, of the Browns; O'Toole, of the Pirates, and Larry Cheney, of the Cubs. Also the chance that Hagerman, of the Red Sox; Seaton, of the Phillies; Delah, of the White Sox, and McConnell, of the Yanks, will rank high amid the winning fold.

### 1912 Insurgency.

All told, there will be at least eight youngsters from the rifle pit who will stick and hold their own, and at least six of these will rank with the mainstays of their clubs. The insurgency or uprising of the Boston Braves, Dodgers and Reds in the first series was taken with considerable merriment in a good many quarters. It may be more serious for the old guard of the first division than most people figure it now. Boston in 1911

### Baseball Results

Harvard, 15; Catholic University, 2.  
Belmonts, 7; Luzon A. C., 5.  
St. Patrick's, 1; Tanglewood, 2.  
Carolina, 10; Virginia, 3.  
Pennsylvania, 6; Dartmouth, 3.  
Wake Forest, 4; A. and M., 2.  
Oak Hill, 13; Fort Foote, 2.

### Brown Football Heads Receive Reappointment

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 16.—The reappointment for next season of E. N. Robinson, of Boston, as head coach of the Brown varsity football team, and of J. D. Fryer, of Orange, N. J., as assistant coach, was announced today by the athletic authorities of the university. Robinson and Fryer have been connected with Brown teams in the same capacities for the past two seasons.

### Lynch Assigns Dates For Postponed Games

NEW YORK, April 16.—President Lynch, of the National League, last night assigned the following dates for the playing off of postponed games: At Cincinnati, April 17, with Chicago, postponed April 13; At St. Louis, June 25 (two games) with Pittsburgh, postponed April 12.

### Becker Shows Speed.

"Flick" Becker warmed up before the game and showed a fine assortment of speed and curves. The navy yard hero has little chance of working here, except on emergency, but he will be used on the home grounds next week.

### Connolly Puzzled.

"Terrible Tommy" Connolly seemed puzzled when five Nationals rushed at him at once in the ninth inning to dispute his decisions. He was so mystified by this unaccustomed action that he forgot to banish any of them.

### Red Sox vs. Athletics.

Railbirds of the summer frolic are watching this Red Sox-Athletics series with greater interest than any other of the week. The tip is flying broadcast in expert circles that Stahl's clan carries chance of sticking with the champs across the trail. Any pennant look-in that J. Garland may carry depends largely upon how his own people can check the world-beaters. Two out of three from the Mackmen at this angle would furnish the needed inspiration, at any rate.

## BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

Walter Johnson did it.

Walter Johnson turned the trick yesterday and came home on the midnight train from New York to rest up for Thursday. The big fellow pitched great ball yesterday, but what would be most pleasing is a win from the champion Athletics in the opener.

Foster is lauded.

The Crimson of Johnny Harvard triumphed over one, Greene, Catholic University yesterday, and now White, of Georgetown, attempts to check the winning streak of the Harvard team. Coach Sexton probably has no color preference, as all pitchers have looked the goods on this Southern trip.

Batting order looks good.

Additional entries to The Times-News Intercity Marathon race to be held on May 11 keep coming in daily. According to the last count the number was rapidly approaching seventy, which bids fair to outnumber the entries last year. The Memorial A. C. will have thirty, which is a good enough argument for those who say the marathon game is dying out.

Crimson beats Greene.

Georgetown anxious.

Hohnhurst, who took Stovall's place at first base for Cleveland, slammed out three hits in yesterday's game. The former Cleveland leader, not to be outdone, came back with three also, making things lively for the Naps fielders.

Tickets speculated.

In order to promote interest among the boys in the schools and to foster the swimming game, the Baltimore Athletic Club is giving an aquatic meet on Saturday, April 27. Washington boy swimmers, and there are many who attend the Y. M. C. A. for the high and graded schools, will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity.

Cobb is peevish.

And now the mighty Ty Cobb, proving the vagaries of greatness, develops a case of peevishness, and being more than usually disgruntled because trains keep him awake at nights, picks up his traps and departs for Detroit. Manager Jennings will, no doubt, as on former occasions allow the Tiger star to have his way, jolting down another item in the trials-of-a-manager item.

## Minor League Results

American Association.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 2; Minneapolis, 6.

At Toledo—Toledo, 6; Kansas City, 6.

At Louisville—Louisville, 6; St. Paul, 7.

At Columbus—Columbus, 2; Milwaukee, 3.

Southern League.

At Mobile—Mobile, 6; Birmingham, 0.

At Chattanooga—Memphis-Chattanooga game postponed; rain.

At Montgomery—Montgomery-New Orleans game postponed; rain; two games tomorrow.

At Nashville—Nashville-Atlanta game postponed until Wednesday; wet grounds.

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## LAUREL RACING KNOCKED OUT BY GOV. GOLDSBOROUGH

Veto of Racing Bill Brings Forth Strong Protest From Horsemen.

BALTIMORE, April 16.—Governor Goldsborough vetoed the Billa racing bill today to allow eight months' racing in Anne Arundel county, in which is located the Laurel race track. The bill has been the cause of widespread interest throughout the State, and there was strong opposition to it by racing folk and public alike.

The measure in its original form called for thirty days' racing in Anne Arundel county—that is, fifteen days in the spring and a like number in the fall. Several amendments were later attached to it, and the bill as amended passed both branches of the Legislature.

These amendments were lost in the rush of the closing days at Annapolis, and stories to the effect that the bill was designed to permit virtually continuous sport at Laurel caused widespread protests to be sent the governor, who is known to have the best interests of the great pastime at heart. Laurel will now have to be content with a fall meeting only.

There is a State law allowing racing in Anne Arundel county during the month of October. There is strong probability of a meeting at Marlboro under the same auspices as that held last fall, to be given directly after the Fimlico meeting. What is generally known as the Harford county racing bill, to allow thirty days' racing in that county, was signed by the governor.

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